

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): TEMPLATE PRODUCTION SYSTEM, LAYOUT SYSTEM, TEMPLATE PRODUCTION PROGRAM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, LAYOUT TEMPLATE DATA STRUCTURE, TEMPLATE PRODUCTION METHOD, AND LAYOUT METHOD

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-20; 17 sheets) are attached.  
☐ Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☐ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)  
☒ This patent application is assigned to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.  
☐ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 2003-072568 filed March 17, 2003 in Japan, No. 2003-076239 filed March 19, 2003 in Japan and No. 2004-004137 filed January 9, 2004 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.  
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.  
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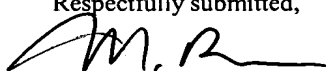
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